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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

DON'T LET DEREGULATION KILL ISP COMPETITION!

I've got a fantastic fiber connection to the internet... thanks to a small competitor of AT&T. They were only able to get started by having access to the copper lines that blanket our city. Yes, AT&T originally put up those lines... and they can still profit from them. But we as a nation have decided these lines have long since changed from being a luxury to being a utility - AT&T should not be allowed to bill competitors excessively for access... or cut off access all together.

Let's be honest - AT&T is one of those companies that is so rooted in the past that it works far harder to stifle competition than to innovate its way to the head of the competition. That's not how the free market is supposed to work. That's not how our country is supposed to work.

Frankly, I would argue that AT&T has profited enough off of their work putting up those lines - work that relied on public spaces and infrastructure. I would argue that they've long since gotten their due... and that if they can't play fair, then at this point we should start discussing the public taking ownership of those lines via eminent domain.

So the idea of allowing them to kill ISP competition thru deregulation strikes me as a step VERY MUCH in the wrong direction. STOP DEREGULATION!

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